

and Paul, choosing Silas as his companion, departed in one direction, while Barnabas took Mark and went in another. The result shows that Barnabas was right and Paul was wrong. We have every reason to believe that Mark fully appreciated the second opportunity and was ever afterward a most faithful and efficient witness for Christ." In the second trial which Mark had he proved the wisdom of being given a new opportunity of showing the possibilities in him.

And very much so it was in the case of Peter, after he had denied his Lord. Christ gave him another fair trial of his faith and love towards him. If Peter had been denied any further opportunity to show what he was capable of becoming and doing, the cause of Christ would have been deprived of a vast deal of most valuable service. Let us be more patient towards those who commit sin, who make great blunders, or who get out of the right way. Give the fallen young convert another trial.

Home Circle

GOD'S LAMBS

The lambs of God's fold are the children
Who seek in their earliest days
To serve him and love him and please him,
And follow in all his ways.

To them he has promised his blessing,
His love and his guidance while here;
To them he will give, in his kingdom,
Of his home and his glory a share.

Faithful Christian Mothers

Daniel Steele.

Thousands have been trained in the theological seminary of a pious home. Bishop Simpson says that when an eminent preacher is needed, the Lord first calls some praying mother, some Hannah, to train her Samuel for the service of his holy temple. Others who have toiled all their lives in small churches in obscure places, unknown to fame, and others who have become world-renowned preachers, have come into the Christian ministry thro the gateway of a mothers' faith in God and careful spiritual training of her offspring.

It may not be an unpardonable infraction of the canons of sacred rhetoric for the writer of these lines to give this public expression of his gratitude to God for leading him into this sacred vocation thro such a portal. In many instances the stars which are supposed to belong to the minister's crown rightfully belong to his faithful mother, some Monica wrestling with God for the conversion of her wayward Augustine, with each of her children in prayer and spiritual counsel. It is no wonder that from the nest which she builded and brooded in the humble Epworth manse, there flew upward two eaglets till they were seen, first by all England, and then by all the world; the one "the greatest ecclesiastical organizer of a thousand years," and the other the writer of hymns for all the com-

ing generations. If there were more of this offering children to God in the closet, instead of sacrificing to the Moloch of fashion or of mammon, there would be fewer downfalls in the slippery paths of youth, and no scarcity of reapers in the ever-widening harvest field of the church of Christ.

Effectual Temperance Lecture

Brief, but most telling was the temperance lecture of this young lady. How quickly the ladies would put an end to what is known as fashionable drinking, is illustrated in the following story:

A young man, in company with several other gentlemen, called upon a young lady. Her father was present to assist in entertaining his guests, and offered wine, but the young lady asked:

"Did you call upon me, or upon papa?"

Gallantry, if nothing else, compelled them to answer:

"We called on you."

"Then you will please not drink wine. I have lemonade for my visitors."

The father urged his guests to drink, and they were undecided. The young lady added:

"Remember, if you called on me, then you drink lemonade; but if upon papa, why, in that case I have nothing to say."

The wine glasses were set down with their contents untasted. After leaving the house, one of the party exclaimed:

"That was the most effectual temperance lecture I ever heard."

Have No Cards in Thy House

The following by Rev. Clement C. Cary, is wise counsel which we can heartily recommend to all parents:

Whatever else may be in the home, let cards never have a place there. Two rules every parent should observe: 1. Never to play cards because of the example set before the children. 2. Never let the children know how to play.

About 1850, in Roanoke, Mo., lived a family, composed of the parents and seven children, six of whom were boys. The mother was a Christian woman, the father was not only not a Christian, but was fond of sporting—such as pitching quoits, horse-racing and playing all kinds of cards at his home. Now see the effects of such an example and such teaching. The result was that five out of the six boys became gamblers, one of whom found his way to the prison; one of the sons concluded he was able to cope single-handed with the world, and started out one morning with his father's horse. He soon sold the horse and went to a town near by, where he fell in company with a man who represented himself as a land speculator. He asked the young man one day to take a walk with him. That walk cost the boy \$75, all the money he had, simply because he had learned to play cards in his father's house.

Many a man has been protected from the attacks of the gambling robber simply by be-

ing able to say: "I don't know how to play." If a young man knows how to play cards, the chances are he will at some time gamble, and the danger is, he may lose his money. An instance will illustrate this point: A gambler once asked two young men to play euchre to see who would pay for theatre tickets. One of these replied that he was a Christian, and did not know how to play cards. The other young man said he learned to play at home, and thought he could play a pretty good game. The latter young man "took in the game," and before he got thro with it, his "knowing how to play" cost him \$475.

The Lord wake up and alarm those parents who are encouraging and teaching card-playing by having "card-parties" in their homes.

A converted gambler spoke in a preachers' meeting in New York in 1892, and said that card-playing at home was a gambling kindergarten, when a minister got up and said: "That is the truth. I am now paying an embezzlement debt, of which my son was guilty because of gambling. I am keeping him out of the penitentiary by paying the money in installments, and it keeps me struggling to do it." The minister added this further: "One of my brother ministers, who is preaching the same gospel that I am, taught my boy to play cards in his own home, believing that social card-playing would result in no harm."

How are gamblers made? By home gambling.

Sisters' Society C. E.

From the President

Dear Sisters of the Endeavor: Friday night, March 12, we left the Atlantic Coast Plain, to spend an indefinite length of time in the interest of the Sister's Society for Christian Endeavor.

Our first stopping place was at Martinsburg, Pa., where we filled an appointment in the Fredericksburg church the following night. The next night we met with the New Enterprise S. S. C. E., that being the regular time of their meeting. They meet every other Sunday night, and have been holding strongly to the prime object of the organization—the educational and spiritual feature—just in what many of our societies are weak. Their work meetings however, needed reviving. The free will offering, amounting to \$3 43, was given for the S. S. C. E. theological fund, after taking out enough to meet my actual expenses. From there we went to the Fairview church, Yellow Creek, another of Brother Smouse's charges. This is yet a new field, but the house was full, the people coming for miles over the roughest kind of roads. The audience was remarkably attentive and responsive, thirty-four being ready at once to become organized into an S. S. C. E., one more in number than at any previous organization. They are nearly all poor at this place, but they have a lovely building, and surprised us with an offering of \$3.96. The other one of Brother Smouse's